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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Shoshana MERCHAV et al

Serial No.: 09/890,401

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: Method and Apparatus for Maintenance  
and Expansion of Hemopoietic Stem Cells  
and/or Progenitor Cells

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## RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to an Advisory Action mailed February 18, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: